Release of Sindhu water for Gujarat

3003. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has sought the release of Sindhu (river) water for its arid District of Kutch from Islamabad;

(b) whether Government propose to take up this question with Pakistan as confidence building measure during proposed Indo-Pak talks; and

(c) whether Government are aware that it will provide great relief to the parched areas of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government for providing waters of the river Indus to the Kutch region of Gujarat by taking up the matter with Pakistan.

(b) This issue is not in the agenda of the Permanent Indus Commission.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Centrally-sponsored water scheme in Karnataka

3004. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally-sponsored schemes being implemented in Karnataka for providing assistance to State Government for augmenting water resources and exploitation thereof;

(b) the year-wise amount allocated alongwith the amount released to Karnataka during the last three years, till date; and

(c) what has been the achievement of this State with regard to conservation of additional water and exploitation of water resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (c) As reported by the State Government, Karnataka State is not receiving any Central assistance for augmenting water resources and exploitation thereof. However the Central Government is providing central assistance for On Farm Development and other allied Command Area Development (CAD) activities under the centrally sponsored CAD programme in the command

area of several irrigation projects in the State, which would only supplement the water resource augmentation schemes. The details of CAD schemes being implemented in Karnataka State are Field Irrigation Channel, Field Drains, Survey, Warabandi, Adoptive trials, Project Studies and Research, Land Reclamation, Training, Participatory Irrigation Management and Subsidy to Small and Marginal Farmers. The details of funds released and achievements of CAD programme are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). The Central Ground Water Board has implemented a central scheme on study of recharge to Ground water under which two projects of Karnataka costing Rs. 43.30 lakh has been approved and an amount of Rs.43.30 lakh has been released to Karnataka.

Statement

Centrally-sponsored water schemes in Karnataka

Details of funds released and achievements of Command Area Development Programme in Karnataka

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
2000-01	1864
2001-02	3424
2002-03	2653
TOTAL :	7941

Items of work	Achievement upto March, 2003 (Thousand ha.)
Field channel	1399.537
Field drain	73.737
Warabandi	400.159
Land leveling	785.064
Reclamation of Waterlogged area	7.136